

May 17, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TWA325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
ET Docket No. 08-59, Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Provide Spectrum
for the Operation of Medical Body Area Networks**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, during a program at The George Washington University Hospital, Mike Harsh, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, GE Healthcare; Matt Grubis, Chief Engineer for Communications and Informatics, GE Healthcare; Orrin Marcella, Manager of Government Relations for GE Healthcare Americas; and the undersigned, counsel to GE Healthcare, met with Chairman Julius Genachowski; Josh Gottheimer, Senior Counselor to the Chairman; Julius Knapp, Chief of the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology ("OET"); and Geraldine Matise, Chief of the OET Policy and Rules Division. The parties discussed issues and proposals raised in the above-referenced proceeding and the forthcoming Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding Medical Body Area Networks ("MBANs") that has been proposed for the Commission's May Open Meeting.

As part of the program, Mike Harsh reviewed and discussed the slide attached to this letter in explaining the potential benefits of new MBANs rules. He noted that MBANs are a promising technology that has the potential to improve access to and the quality of patient care and reduce healthcare costs. It also has the potential to provide multiple clinical and patient benefits, including easing patient transport, allowing for better monitoring, increasing flexibility to add and remove clinical sensors, and reducing the risk of infection.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am filing this notice electronically in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me directly with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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